

REMARKS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004. In that Office Action, claims 24-51 were examined, claims 24-37 were rejected, and claims 38-51 were allowed. Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 24-51 are pending in the application. Claims 38-51 have been allowed. Claims 24-37 have been rejected. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled. Therefore, claims 24-51 remain in the application.

Double Patenting Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 24-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,595,153. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer is filed herewith such that it is believed that the double patenting rejection has been obviated. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the application be allowed and pass to issuance as soon as possible. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to resolve those issues.

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